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November 2017

2018 AND 2019 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE SITES SELECTED

The next two *California Missions Conferences* presented by the California Missions Foundation have been selected by CMF's Mission Studies Committee.

As always, the Conferences will rotate between the north and the south sections of Alta California's Mission and Presidio Trail, with the San Luis Obispo-Monterey County line just north of Mission San Miguel serving as the midpoint.

Each year, the California Missions Conference brings together a wide cross section of Mission and Presidio enthusiasts, scholars and those individuals that work in the industry. Held annually during the Friday and Saturday of Presidents Weekend in February, the Missions Conference is a great venue for networking, information sharing, and understanding more about the Missions and Presidios of Alta California and beyond.

MISSIONS SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOSÉ CHOSEN TO CO-HOST 2018 CONFERENCE

The upcoming California Missions Conference presented by the California Missions Foundation on February 16-18, 2018 will be co-hosted by Missions Santa Clara and San José, two iconic Bay Area historic locations that sit 17 miles apart.



Mission Santa Clara

The Conference will kick off on Friday, February 16 with a series of panel discussions throughout the day at Mission Santa Clara. Later that afternoon, there will be a guided tour of the Mission Santa Clara church and its historic art collection - much of which has been successfully conserved through funding from the California Missions Foundation and its partner foundations.

That evening, the first day of the Conference will wrap-up with a registration reception followed by the CMF Annual Membership Meeting, the Keynote Address and a program in the Mission Santa Clara Church.



Mission San Jose

On Saturday, the Conference shifts to nearby Mission San Jose where the annual paper presentations will take place in the mission church, A walking tour of the mission complex and museum will be featured in the early afternoon following lunch, and the day will conclude with final papers in the church.

That evening, the Annual CMF Awards Banquet will be held back at Mission Santa Clara in the historic adobe.

2019 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO



Mission San Diego

Looking ahead to the 250th anniversary of the founding of Spanish Alta California and the related Missions and Presidios, the CMF Conference Committee has selected San Diego to host the 2019 edition of the *California Missions Conference presented by the California Missions Foundation*.

On July 16, 1769, Father Junípero Serra and Gaspar de Portola arrived in San Diego following their trek from Loreto, Baja California, and founded Mission San Diego de Alcalá on the site of today's Presidio Hill. This being the first permanent Spanish settlement in Alta California, it serves as the official founding of not only San Diego but also Spanish Alta California.

The 2019 California Missions Conference will be held Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17, 2019. Additional details including venues, etc. will be announced in the month's ahead.

ROSE MARIE BEEBE AND ROBERT SENKEWICZ TO GIVE 2018 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE KEYNOTE



Highly respected scholars Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz will give the 2018 California Missions Conference Keynote Address on Friday evening, February 16 in the church at Mission Santa Clara.

"It is truly an honor for us to again have Rose Marie and Bob as part of the California Missions conference," said CMF Executive Director David A. Bolton. "For so many years, they have contributed so much to the studies of early California history. Their lectures, their writings and their books have helped so many better understand the complex story of the California Missions and Presidios, and early life in Alta California."

More about Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz:

Rose Marie Beebe is Professor of Spanish literature at Santa Clara University. Together with her husband, Robert M. Senkewicz, Professor of History at Santa Clara University, they have collaborated on a number of books on the history of Spanish and Mexican California including, *The History of Alta California*, *Lands of Promise and Despair: Chronicles of Early California, 1535-1846*; *Testimonios: Early California through the Eyes of Women, 1815-1848*; and *"To Toil in That Vineyard of the Lord": Contemporary Scholarship on Junípero Serra*; and *Junípero Serra: California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2015). Their current project is on Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo's five-volume *"Recuerdos históricos y personales..."*. They are in the process of translating and annotating this very important manuscript.

Beebe and Senkewicz have received numerous teaching and scholarship awards at Santa Clara University. In 2015 they were recognized with the University Award for Sustained Excellence in Scholarship. They have also received awards from The Bancroft Library, the Historical Society of Southern California, the California Mission Studies Association, the California Council for the Promotion of History. Beebe received a year-long fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Vallejo project.

"PARTNERSHIPS" CHOSEN AS 2018 CONFERENCE THEME

The CMF Conference Committee has chosen 'Partnerships' as its 2018 conference theme, it was announced by Chair Nick Tipon.

"The theme works with the conference venues since both Missions Santa Clara and San Jose had a very close relationship," said CMF Board Member Lee Panich.

"It is always something we should promote and always something to strive for," added CMF Treasurer Mike Imwalle.

By Nick Tipon, 2018 CMF Conference Committee Chair:

We are looking forward to the California Mission Foundation 2018 Conference at the Santa Clara and San Jose Missions. The conference will celebrate our past partnerships as we look forward to developing new partnerships and friends. In an era that celebrates new and diverse thought, CMF endeavors to accomplish our goal: "(we are) **dedicated to preserving the landmark California Missions and associated historical and cultural resources for the benefit of the public**". CMF recognizes and celebrates the many special partners of our history. Now, we must look forward to establishing new partnerships to realize our goals.

The just released State Department of Education Guidelines for Mission studies asks students to "think critically" and evaluate the impact of the Missions on the people of California, focusing on the viewpoints of a diversity of people and cultures. CMF must have partnerships with the State Department of Education, California State Parks, individual mission support groups, the Catholic Church and other historical groups. We must work toward accomplishing our individual goals, while interpreting and preserving entire the Mission system.

We look forward to hosting many of the stakeholders listed above at our 2018 conference to begin sharing research, knowledge and ideas amongst participants. We hope specific plans will result from our discussions and work.

To realize the California Mission Foundation's goal, we must revitalize our previous partnerships and develop new partnerships and friendships. We will begin the process at our 2018 Conference.

CMF OPENS UP 2018 MEMBERSHIPS

With the start of 2018 fast approaching, CMF has released its membership rates, including new Professional and Corporate Sponsorship categories. Complete information on CMF membership and support options can be found on our website, californiamissionsfoundation.org under 'store', or by calling our office at 805 963 1633. If needed, we can also send you a copy of CMF's new membership four fold. Our membership email is: memberships@californiamissionsfoundation.org

Thank you for supporting CMF ad the California Missions.

CANDLEWOOD SUITES CHOSEN AS OFFICIAL CMF CONFERENCE HOTEL

The Candlewood Suites located across from Mission Santa Clara has been selected as the host hotel for the 2018 California Missions Conference. A negotiated room block has been arranged for conference attendees with a nightly rate of \$129.

The Candlewood Suites is located at 481 El Camino Real, Santa Clara and directly across from the SCU Main Entry. Please refer to code "CMF" when booking your room to obtain the CMF discounted rate.

MISSIONS CURATORS AND DIRECTORS CONFERENCE, PLUS CMF'S PRESIDIO INSTITUTE RETURN TO 2018 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE LINEUP

For the second straight year, CMF's California Missions Conference this coming February will again feature Friday sessions and gathering for the Mission Curators and Directors Conference as well as CMF's Presidio Institute.

The CMF Presidio Institute will focus on the history, and Workshops in building conservation, Garden restoration and the NPS cultural landscape programs and art care have rounded out programs featuring historical topics and networking and funding opportunities. Besides the educational presentations, Mission curators get the chance each year to discuss their common issues and engage in joint problem solving. The conference has also regularly honored those who aid the missions in notable ways with the Lasuen Award.

One of the important things to come out of the first conference was the creation of a detailed contact list for continued contact and networking. CMF keeps that list up to date today. After varied early sponsors, CMF came to the rescue with long term sponsorship for the last 16 years. CMF's continued support will provide another top quality 2018 informative exchange as well as support for those charged with the day-to-day protection of the missions' heritage of buildings and artifacts.

A LETTER TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FROM CMF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR DR. EDITH PINESS

Dear CMF Members:

The CMF Nominations Committee is proposing the following slate of candidates for three year CMF board terms commencing on January 1, 2018:

Luis Gonzalez
Steve Farneth
Jim Lazarus
Ione Stielger
Alan Kemp
Lee Panich
Mary Wood

Members of the general membership will have 30 days to present additional candidates for the election. All names submitted by members of the general membership will need signatures from 20% of our membership or 41 members. Deadline for the CMF office to receive additional candidates is December 8, 2017. Please present any candidates along with signatures of 20 fellow current CMF members to info@californiamissionsfoundation.org or via mail to:

CMF PO Box 24132
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

Thank you for your continued support of CMF.

Sincerely,

Edith Piness
Chair, CMF Nominations Committee

CMF BEGINS COMPREHENSIVE

PRESERVATION ARCHIVAL PROJECT

Since its founding in 1998, CMF has cooperated with its generous donors and mission staffers to meet the developing preservation needs of the California Missions. These projects have varied from artistic and architectural restorations to updated safety procedures and systemic retrofits. In honor of CMF's upcoming 20th anniversary and its state-wide preservation campaign, our organization is developing a comprehensive archive of our history and the projects undertaken in the past twenty years.

A CMF representative will be contacting the missions, conservation participants, and sponsors to create an in-depth account of all preservation projects. They will be collecting any relevant accounts or information to add depth and perspective to our records. The completed results will be published in several of CMF's platforms.

With this public portfolio, CMF hopes to celebrate the incredible feats accomplished through the collaboration of all those seeking to preserve the missions' legacy. Through the support of each foundation, organization, and individual, the past twenty years has been filled with a variety of inventive preservation projects. This work has inspired greater understanding of the realities of mission life and shared its knowledge with the multitudes that visit and study these structures.

This archival project presents an opportunity to trace the past and to aid the continued preservation and development of these historic sites. We hope this public account of all that has been achieved in the past twenty years will continue to inspire others to share their appreciation for the missions. The work is not done, as time presents new barriers to the sustainability of these structures every day.

Greater exposure for completed and future preservation work will support a united state-wide effort to meet the individual and collective needs of the California Missions. This record will showcase the present concerns and the shared preservation experiences to aid in the communication and cooperation within the mission system.

CMF welcomes the proposition of grants and potential projects to continue in this important work. We depend on our partners to identify and support the developing needs of each mission and are excited for the new prospects this coming year.

If you have any questions or would like to reach out regarding this project, please contact archive@californiamissionsfoundation.org. We look forward to hearing from you and presenting the complete project in 2018.



FIRES WRECK HAVOC ON NORTHERN ALTA CALIFORNIA MISSION AREAS, MORE THAN 40 KILLED, NEARLY 6,000 HOMES AND BUILDINGS DESTROYED, HISTORIC ARTIFACTS FROM MISSION SONOMA MOVED OUT BY STATE PARKS, FIRES BEGINNING TO GET UNDER CONTROL

A series of fires now called the largest wildfire in California history, recently caused death, destruction and brought fear to thousands of residents in the northern section of Alta California's mission trail. From Sonoma to Santa Rosa, the devastating fires have killed more than 40 people, destroyed close to 6,000 homes and buildings, wiped out valuable wineries, and forced State Parks officials to remove the historic artifacts from Mission Sonoma and move them to a safe place.

At Mission Sonoma, three large moving trucks parked outside as State Parks officials scrambled to transport some of the Mission's priceless, and historic artifacts to safety. No damage was ultimately reported at Mission Sonoma, or the related historic structures around the Sonoma Plaza. A photo of the recently-installed statue of General Vallejo sitting in the Plaza circled throughout the state as someone added a face mask to the statue before distributing, a clear example of the heavy smoke that blanketed the area including Sonoma, Napa, Santa Rosa and even into the city of San Francisco. Flights were cancelled out of SFO as a result of the heavy smoke.

BUCKER FIRE FORCES EVACUATION OF MISSION LA PURISIMA

A week prior to the outbreak of the northern California fires, a fast-moving fire recently caused the evacuation of Mission La Purisima and surrounding homes in this corner of Santa Barbara County. Battled by air and on the ground, the Buckner Fire was eventually contained by County Fire officials. No structural damage was reported. The late-afternoon fire came within close proximity to Mission La Purisima, and brought back memories of last year's 17,000-acre Chimney fire that threatened Hearst Castle and moved toward Mission San Antonio de Padua.

MISSION SAN RAFAEL CELEBRATES ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Mission San Rafael is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year with a series of lectures and other events at the last Spanish mission founded in Alta California, and number 20 in the historic chain of 21 missions from San Diego to Sonoma.

CMF Board member Theresa Brunner reports that a pair of celebration events highlighting the 200th anniversary in December will be taking place:

Dec 14 at 2 p.m. at the Mission
Planting of a 200th anniversary Pear Tree

Dec 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Mission - 200th Anniversary of the Founding of Mission San Rafael

4:30 p.m. Archbishop Cordeglione

5:00 p.m. Multicultural mass and celebration

CMF ANNUAL REPORT

The California Missions Foundation is pleased to publish the Foundation's 2016 Annual Report. Thank you to everyone that helped to make it a successful year. [Please click here](#) to see a digital version of the 2016 CMF Annual Report.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS SEEK SUPPORT

CMF Continues its Efforts to Preserve our State's Historic Structures from San Diego to Sonoma

CMF is proud to report that three long-time partner Foundations have again generously contributed to help preserve our California Missions and related historical sites.

CMF is setting its sights on raising important funding for several projects throughout the state. These projects include four for site preservation projects, seven for art conservation, and three for collections care and management.

If you would like to contribute to any of these projects, please contact CMF Executive Director David A. Bolton at (805) 963-1633.

Painting and statue conservation funds are needed by the following missions: San Miguel, Santa Barbara Archive Library, San Luis Rey, San Buenaventura, San Gabriel, San Luis Obispo and La Purisima. The costs range from \$5,200 to \$10,100.

Collections care and management issues are foremost for Missions Carmel (needing \$10,000)) and Soledad (just \$800) and the San Diego Presidio (\$10,000).

The three site preservation projects are flooring at San Antonio (\$10,000), and Ground Penetrating Radar studies at Santa Ines (\$5,200) and S.F. Solano at Sonoma (\$1,775).

CMF again thanks all of our Partner Foundations, organizations and individuals that have so generously supported our California Missions and related historic sites.

CMF WEBSITE TO FEATURE NEW MISSIONS, PRESIDIOS AND HISTORIC SITES BLOG SECTION

Open to submissions from CMF members and other followers

CMF is launching a new blog section on the recently-expanded CMF website. This section will be updated regularly, and will include articles and stories about the California Missions and related historical entities, written by our knowledgeable CMF members and other followers of these California treasures and this unique chapter in our history.

We are inviting everyone to submit articles to be published on the website. We will include a wide range of topics, anything from scholarly research to reminiscences of a childhood visit to your favorite mission.

2017 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS AND PRESIDIOS AND RELATED SITES EVENTS CALENDAR

November, 2017

Dates to be Announced - Mission San Antonio - Evening in the Garden, Live Music, candlelight, wine and food in the courtyard gardens.

30 (and Dec 1)

11-4 pm - Mission Carmel - Tour of Homes

December, 2017

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Carmel Mission Home Tours - see above

6:45 pm - Mission San Buenaventura - Christmas Tree Lighting with the Pastor, Mayor and Santa Claus. Figueroa Plaza and Mission Park, activities for children

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5:30-8 pm - Mission San Juan Capistrano - Christmas at the Mission, snow, carolers, Mariachis, Choirs, Nativity scene, food and shopping.

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12 noon and 7 pm - Mission La Purisima - Founding Day Remembrance, Mass at noon and a concert at 7 pm.

7 pm - El Presidio de Santa Barbara - Una Noche de las Posadas. Free event. Please visit sbthp.org for details.

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5 am - Mission San Buenaventura - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, Mariachis at dawn followed by mass at 5:30 am followed by Menudo breakfast. Also 6 pm mass and reception. Free event

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2-4 pm - Mission La Purisima - Las Posadas - Traditional songs as Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem

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6 pm - Mission San Jose - Las Posadas which has gone from the Mission to different nearby community locations for 9 evenings, ends at the Mission with carols and piñatas.

CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING

For more information, please contact CMF's Executive Director David A. Bolton at 805.963.1633.

CMF OFFERS STOCK DONATION OPTION

The California Missions Foundation is pleased to offer a new way to show your support, by donating stock. When you donate stock to CMF you will not be responsible for paying taxes on said stock, however you will still receive full tax credit for the amount of the stock on the day you contribute. To donate please have your broker call UBS Financial Services at (201) 352-6300, with the following information:

Account Name: California Missions Foundation
DTCC Clearing Number: 0221
Account #: XN04920

As always please call Executive Director David A. Bolton at the CMF office with any questions at (805) 963-1633.

You can help us to preserve California's historic missions and all their cultural treasures!
Please call our office at (805) 963-1633 to donate by credit card, or click the button below to [donate via PayPal!](#)



About California Missions Foundation

Nothing defines California's heritage as significantly or emotionally as do the 21 missions that were founded along the coast from San Diego to Sonoma. Their beauty, stature, and character underlie the formation of California. All 21 missions are California Historical Landmarks; many have also been designated National Historic Landmarks. The missions are among the most popular tourist destinations in the state, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Founded in 1998, the California Missions Foundation was established with the objective of preserving and protecting the missions. The Foundation is the only statewide organization dedicated to the long-term preservation and restoration needs of all California missions and their associated historic and cultural resources for public benefit.

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